President.—From what you say, I understand that you are throwing out a suggestion that this is a sort of cross-examination of the officials. To that I take objection. Whatever information you want, I place before you; and it is time for all these notions to be removed.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—Permit me to make an observation on this point. The members are not to be blamed for saying that the Government are not furnishing answers to their questions in time. Now, members would not ask so many questions, if they are given the right of putting supplementary questions on all questions. In many of the Councils in India and all over the world, every member has the right of putting supplementary questions on all the questions answered by the Government.

President.—So far as Travancore is concerned, I can tell you that members have no such right.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—In the previous session, you said you would consider the question when we requested to be allowed to put supplementary questions on all the questions. You will extend to us that right and liberty, and that would minimise the number of questions that are now being sent up to the Government. When I came to the Council Office some 2 months ago, I found 200 or 300 questions had been sent in by members. I thought the amount of work put upon the Government in answering those questions was heavy enough, and I asked my Hon'ble friend Mr. A. B. Salem not to send questions to the Government to be answered for the budget session, as they had already received a good number of questions. I would have sent questions after questions, but that would be paralysing the action of the executive machinery. All these can be minimised, if all members are allowed to ask supplementary questions on all questions. If such a ruling could be given by you, Sir, that change in the Council law would be of great help in this direction.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I request you to place on the table a statement of figures, after verification, of the questions and answers that had been hitherto answered?

President.—It is not possible, at any rate, not feasible. We shall now proceed with questions and answers.

Questions and Answers.

The X-ray Installation.

21. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) when the building for the X-ray installation was handed over to the Medical Department by the Public Works Department;

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(2) whether anybody was got down from Madras to fit up the X-ray installation in the General Hospital; if so,

(3) (a) what are his qualifications;

(b) what amount the State has to spend on this account

(4) what was the necessity to bring down a man from Madras at public cost when there is already one in the service specially appointed to X-ray Department so far back as 17th Meenam 1100;

(5) is it a fact that the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer went to Madras to get a man to put up the X-ray;

(6) if so, what amount the State had to incur for his trip?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) On 15th March 1926.

(2) Yes.

(3) (a) M. S. R., F. R. P. S., Radiologist to the Government of Madras.

(b) Rs. 726-14-6.

(4) Fitting up X-ray machinery has to be done by an Electrical Engineer or an Electrician who has had experience in X-ray manufacturing works. The Officer appointed to X-ray Department, General Hospital, is expected to deal with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases by X-rays.

(5) No.

(6) No answer is required.

22. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an X-ray Expert from outside was got down to fit up the X-ray apparatus in the Ernakulam General Hospital?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Vide answer to question 21, sub-division(2).

23. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances under which this expert had to be brought down?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Vide answer to question 21, sub-division (4).

24. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to say how much the Government had to spend for getting down the expert?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Vide answer to question 21, sub-division 3 (b).

The Supply of Medicines.

25. **Dr. A. G. Menon.**—With reference to the reply to question No. 119 of the legislative session of Vrischigam 1101, will the Government be pleased to state:—

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